

not want any man in this country or any other country who does not work, either with his hands or with his brain. We do not want idlers here, we want intelligent men, no matter from which one they come of those glorious little kingdoms, Englishmen, Irishmen, Scotchmen, Welshmen, Germans, if you please—Frenchmen do not count because they do not raise big enough families, and they have to stay at home. We want the hardy, sturdy sons of toil, not the people of towns and cities, they are of little use. We do not want to send our agents into the towns and cities, we want them to go round amongst the peasantry and show them the great advantages they would derive in coming to this country. We have been told this afternoon what the Doukhobors have done. If the Doukhobors can do it, other classes can do it, and better classes can do it. Now, Sir, I think I have said enough. I want to say to the government that I do not care how much money you spend if you spend it right, spend it so that we will get value received for it. But when you put in a man merely for the purpose of giving him a job, because he has served in some parliamentary election, for pity's sake do not come and ask our support. I say, Never do it again. Do not appoint broken-down politicians to any office. Now, I have spoken longer than I intended to speak; I have spoken twenty minutes, and I only intended to speak ten.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Go on.

Mr. ROBINSON (West Elgin). Yes, go on. It may be fun for you, but it is not for me. I do not think I have made much fun to-night. I will say again, as I told you the other evening, Mr. Speaker, that I do not care who sits on those benches on the opposite side; if they will only endeavour to work for the benefit of this country, they will have my support, I do not care who they are. Now, I thank you very much for your kind attention—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. ROBINSON (West Elgin). Well, some time, maybe, you will have to laugh on the other side of your mouth.

Mr. SPEAKER. Order.

Mr. ROBINSON (West Elgin). When you find a man who is always ready to titter, his brains lay somewhere down below. But, Mr. Speaker, I never wish to stand on my feet unless I can make a point. I thank you all very much for your attention. I hope if I have said a word that will induce the members of the government, and more particularly the hon. gentleman who presides over the immigration department, to see that these men earn their money, I will be well repaid.

Mr. FRANK OLIVER (Alberta). I would like to endorse a great deal that has been

Mr. ROBINSON (West Elgin).

said this afternoon in regard to the success of the immigration policy that has been pursued during the last few years. I am entitled to speak with some authority upon this subject, as the district I represent has been receiving the larger proportion of the immigration. I can endorse what was said in regard to the large number of people who have come in and the still larger number who are coming in; I can endorse what was said in regard to the suitable character of a very large proportion of those who have come and who are coming. I am sorry I cannot endorse all that was said. I am sorry that, as it appeared to me, an impression was created, or was liable to be created, by the remarks of the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. McCreary) that this favourable condition was resultant from a certain feature of the immigration which is taking place, that is to say, that the building up of the town of Yorkton, the building up of the city of Winnipeg, the prosperity of the district of Alberta, rested upon the immigration of Galicians and Doukhobors into that country.

Mr. McCREARY. I do not think any such inference could be drawn from my remarks. I said—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. McCREARY. I have a right to explain. My words are down.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. McCREARY. I beg your pardon.

An hon. MEMBER. Two hon. gentlemen are standing at the same time.

Mr. OLIVER. I am not questioning what the hon. gentleman said, I am stating the impression that his words conveyed to my mind, which I presume I am entitled to do. I repeat that the impression was conveyed, whether intentionally or otherwise, that a very large proportion of the increase and of the prosperity enjoyed by the western country was resultant from that class of immigration. The House will bear me out when I make that statement. Now, I am here to protest against that construction being put upon the results of the immigration policy. I am here to say to-night that I believe the present conditions of the country would be better, our prosperity would be greater, we would have a still larger number of good settlers, if we did not have that class of immigration at all.

The idea was conveyed to the hon. members of this House that these people are occupying country that no other people will occupy. Speaking of the part of the country from which I come, and which I represent, I know more of this subject than any other hon. member of this House, bar none. The people are occupying land that is good for any people. They are occupying land that, if they were not occupying it,